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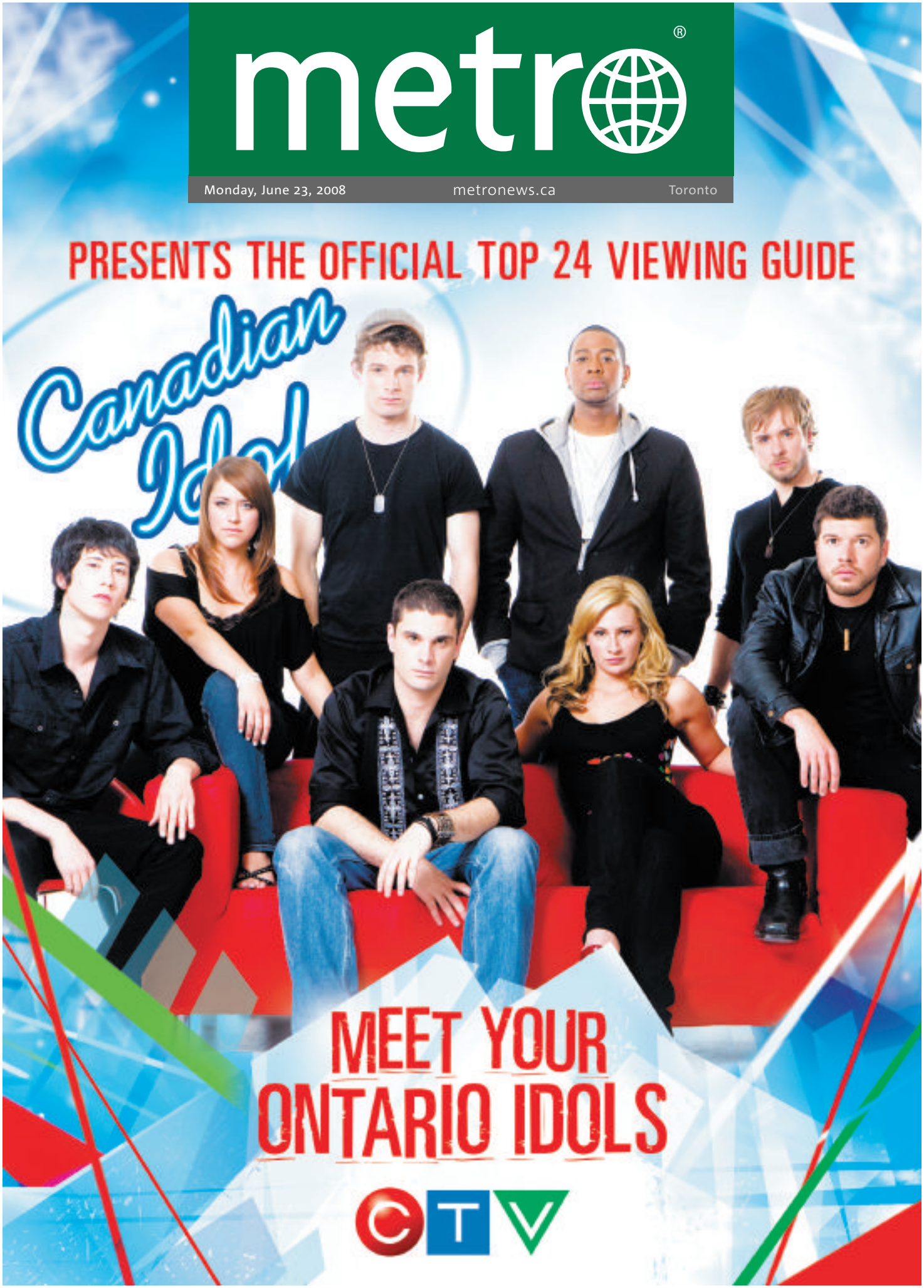

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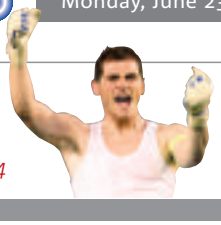

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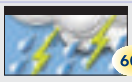

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Homeless women in 'crisis'

City females on streets more vulnerable than males, report finds

Homeless women in Toronto are 10 times more likely to be sexually assaulted and twice as likely to have a mental illness than homeless men, according to a new report to be released today.

Yet despite their poor health and extreme vulnerability, they aren't getting the health-care and social support they urgently need, says the report, the first of its kind to document the health needs of homeless women.

"Homelessness has a life-threatening impact on women's health," says the report, co-authored by Street Health, a downtown health clinic serving the homeless, and Sistering, a Bloor Street West drop-in that provides support to homeless and socially isolated women.

Although only about a quarter of the city's roughly 5,000 visibly homeless population is female, they fare much worse than men, according to the survey of 97 women of no fixed address who were part of Street Health's 2007 report on the city's homeless.

survey findings

» Thirty-seven per cent of women in the survey were physically assaulted in the past year and 21 per cent had been sexually assaulted one or more times.
» Of those surveyed, 42 per cent didn't have a drug benefit card, 60 per cent weren't able to get prescription drugs to treat medical conditions and 56 per cent didn't have a family doctor.

A staggering 84 per cent reported having at least one serious physical health condition compared with 70 per cent of homeless men.

These women are extremely poor, with 42 per cent reporting that they lived on $2,400 or less per year.

"We know anecdotally that the experiences of homeless women are very different from homeless men and we wanted to take a closer look at that," said Street Health researcher Kate Mason. "We were shocked by what we found."

"I hope (the report) shows the crisis and the urgency for action, particularly at a time when the government is talking about an anti-poverty strategy," said Sistering's executive director Angela Robertson. "There is no reason for this to be happening in a country like Canada."

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Victims' moms urge help

Karen Ellis, left, and Susan Martin make a plea at city police headquarters yesterday for any leads about their sons' murders last week. Dylan Ellis and Oliver Martin were shot to death outside a Richmond Street West condo. Story, page 3

Crashes not worrying: Giambrone

TTC chair Adam Giambrone is not overly concerned about safety after the second streetcar accident in 10 days, calling them "very minor, fender bender-type affairs" — and he says riders shouldn't be worried either.

"Unfortunately these things happen from time to time," Giambrone said yesterday. "We've had two back to back ... So far we haven't seen any discernable pattern."

Four people were taken to hospital on Saturday after a westbound streetcar stopped on The Queensway at Colborne Lodge Drive, was rear-ended by another streetcar at around 6 p.m.

On June 11, two streetcars collided at Bay and Dundas streets shortly before 6 a.m., sending seven people — including a TTC driver — to hospital.

"All these cases usually come down to driver error," said Giambrone. Infrastructure is not to blame, he added. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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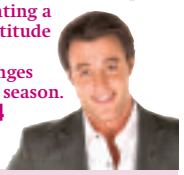

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The Smart Cookies offer tips on how to get more bang for your buck.

Moms make public plea

Sons gunned down while sitting in SUV

As detectives continue to wade through surveillance tape for any clue into the shooting deaths of two young men, their mothers took it upon themselves yesterday to drive the investigation.

Feeling "powerless" nine days after their sons were gunned down in a seemingly unprovoked attack, Karen Ellis and Susan Martin decided to speak publicly for the first time.

They stood before a police podium at Toronto's police headquarters just days after the funerals of Dylan Ellis and Oliver Martin, both 25, to appeal for information.

Their voices quavering, their families clutching one another just inches behind them, the women asked the public to come forward with anything that might help put a murderer, still on the loose, behind bars.

"Somewhere out there on the streets of Toronto the person who did this is still around, still capable of more violence," Ellis said.

"They need to be found if this city is going to keep breathing. They killed our children. They can kill your children. They're out there."

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seeking information

» As they finished their prepared speeches, each mother was absorbed into the arms of her family before coming forward once more. "We are asking, pleading, begging for anyone who has any information ... to come forward," Ellis said. "Please, please come forward. Just help us."

city hall

Gun rules on council agenda

MEETING Local controls on guns will occupy the minds of Toronto councillors as they start a two-day meeting today.

Mayor David Miller's proposed rules would block new shooting ranges from opening in the city, and curb gun manufacturing and warehousing within its borders.

Two gun clubs operating shooting ranges on city property would have their leases terminated, but the city would undertake to find them new premises on private property.

Also up for council approval is a new 20-year management agreement negotiated with the Kiwanis Club of Casa Loma.

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Festival **Row, row, row your boat**

COLIN O'CONNOR/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dragon boat racers compete yesterday in the Telus Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival on Centre Island. The event attracted 5,000 paddlers and 180 teams for various prizes. The festival, organized by the Toronto Chinese Business Association, has become a local signature event for two decades.

environment

Toronto to launch new green plan

REGION Politicians, business leaders and advocacy groups across the GTA will launch a plan tomorrow to make this the greenest urban region in the world.

"Greening Greater Toronto" will aim to co-ordinate work for cleaner air and water, better transit and land use, and other environmental improvements, said Eva Ligeti, who heads the non-profit Clean Air Partnership.

In part, it will build on the environmental work going on in the city. It will emulate the Toronto Atmospheric Fund — which parlayed $23 million from the city into a revolving fund that bankrolls climate change projects — if the new scheme gets $100 million from the province or elsewhere. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

»news In Brief

» **SUBWAY** Starting early this morning, the Toronto Transit Commission began shutting down part of the Yonge subway line an hour and a half earlier than usual. Phase 1 of a construction project will see all stations being shut down at 12:30 a.m., instead of 2 a.m., on the Yonge line between Lawrence and Finch stations. The closures will occur Sunday through Friday evenings, including holidays. Normal service until 2 a.m. will continue on Saturdays. The disruption is expected to continue until February 2009.
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The Ontario Coalition Against Poverty, an anti-poverty group with a long history of run-ins with authorities, said it will ramp up its activities this summer with a demonstration today outside city hall. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cricket making a comeback

Miller heads top names in Mayor's Cup

By **MARTY YORK**
Metro Toronto

It hasn't exactly resurfaced as Canada's national sport, but cricket certainly is enjoying a renaissance in this country.

Consider:

» The federal government, as first divulged in The York Report in Friday's Metro editions, is recognizing cricket in Canada for the first time, elevating the sport's stature and making it eligible for public funding, starting with an immediate grant of $77,000.

» About 150 schools in the Greater Toronto Area now offer cricket to students and there are plans in several regions to make it a sanctioned school sport.

» More than 1,000 cricket enthusiasts intend to turn out to the CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants) Mayor's Cup event next Saturday at Sunnybrook Park in Toronto.

"Cricket clearly is progressing in Canada," said Ranil Mendis, who organizes the CIMA event, "but, still, it hasn't come close yet to where it should be. We believe the booming success soccer has been experiencing in Canada is now on the horizon for cricket."

> « *Cricket clearly is progressing in Canada but, still, it hasn't come close yet to where it should be.* »
> *Ranil Mendis, CIMA organizer*

That's largely why, for the fourth consecutive year, Mendis and his associates are going to great lengths to conduct the Mayor's Cup. CIMA, a United Kingdom-based association of accountants with 1,000 members in Toronto, has raised enough money from the three previous cups to send a team of 12 under-20 players to the U.K. for training in August. The team will be announced by Toronto Mayor David Miller at City Hall tomorrow.

Miller has developed a fondness for cricket himself and has turned into a formidable player, Mendis said.

Miller will play again Saturday and will be accompanied in the competition by a bevy of prominent personalities, including Toronto police Chief Bill Blair, TTC vice-chairman Joe Mihevc, GO Transit CEO Gary McNeil, Metro publisher Bill McDonald, Fedex Canada president David Binks and Loblaws executive chair Galen Weston.

Metro will have a team competing, as well. The event pits members of the public sector against members of the private sector.

"It's wonderful to be part of this terrific event," McDonald said. "This is an excellent cause, and cricket is such an enjoyable sport."

Actually, Canada's first prime minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, declared cricket the country's national sport in 1867. The game was quickly overtaken by other sports, though.

"People owe it to themselves to check out cricket," said Metro sales co-ordinator Anthony Ramkissoon, who will also be playing Saturday.

"It's an exciting, beautiful sport that requires great athleticism. And I'm a big fan of the game's strategy."

For details on Saturday's event, visit *www.cimacanada.org*.

BILL HOWARD PHOTO

Akash Shah, a North Albion Collegiate Institute student, will be participating in the CIMA Mayor's Cup at Sunnybrook Park. He is one of the 12 players chosen to train in the U.K.

Grads say limo firm ruined prom

Fraud investigators with Peel Regional Police are probing allegations from at least nine high school students in the Greater Toronto Area claiming to have been scammed by a limousine company on their prom night.

Students are complaining they have been left in the lurch after paying Tuxedo Limousines for "a unique, one-of-a-kind extraordinary experience" in one of the 18 limousines the company claims it has.

Students pay a deposit for Tuxedo's services. Then, students say they get picked up in a limousine or tour bus from another company, get only a one-way trip to their prom and are left to find their own way home.

Frank Rousso, one of the owners of Tuxedo Limousines, concedes some contracts have been cancelled, but says this is because students have, on several occasions, been drinking in the limos and caused damage.

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»news In Brief

» **ABDUCT** A man tried to abduct a three-year-old Toronto girl as she was playing in her family's first-floor apartment unit with her mother in the next room, police say. When the mother checked on her daughter just before 10 p.m. Saturday, she spotted a man reaching for the child through a window of the Sumach and Gerrard streets apartment. The mother screamed and the suspect fled, police say.
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50 Cent **Rare glimpse**

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MuchMusic fans caught a rare glimpse of Lloyd Banks, left, and 50 Cent from hip-hop super group G-Unit at a special Sunday edition of MuchOnDemand yesterday.

OLG strike delays fans at race track

Pickets cause traffic backup

Fans of Canada's biggest horse race had to wait a little longer yesterday to place their bets at Woodbine Racetrack. Striking Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) employees delayed cars lining up for the Queen's Plate.

About 100 security guards, who work in the track's casino and belong to the Canadian Auto Workers union (CAW), have been on strike since May 31. Employees of Casino Brantford, which has been shut down by the strike, joined them on the picket line.

Eastbound traffic on Rexdale Boulevard was backed up at least a kilometre to the Highway 427 on-ramp.

Talks between the union and the OLG broke off last week. OLG is offering unionized workers a three-year contract with wage increases of 2 to 4 per cent.

Union officials say other issues include split shifts and a move to make full-time staff part time.

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background

» **The security guards, along with more than 700 OLG employees at the Brantford casino, and another 80 gaming floor employees from the Sudbury Downs casino, joined the CAW last year when they signed a 14-month contract. The strike has also shut down Sudbury Downs.**

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The Conservative government is facing criticism for mining the personal income tax information of more than 500 sitting federal judges during their salary negotiations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gas crimes on the rise: OPP

Pre-pay policies enacted in B.C., Manitoba

When Judy Creighton went to buy some flowers for a friend recently, she discovered her credit card had been frozen. Someone, it seems, had stolen the number in order to procure some big-ticket items.

Not stereo systems or big-screen TVs, mind you. Tanks of gasoline.

"I said, 'Is this quite common?' she recalled in her conversation with the bank that issued her card.

"They said, 'Yeah, it is now. People are desperate to have gas in their cars.'"

> «*A friend of mine who runs a gas station said his dollar value of stolen gas effectively doubled.* »
>
> *OPP Sgt. Cam Woolley*

Police have also seen a spike in tried-and-true, old-fashioned methods of finding free gas — namely, stealing it directly from the pumps or siphoning it from parked cars, said Ontario Provincial Police Sgt. Cam Woolley.

Although police services don't track individual types of thefts, Woolley said he has plenty of anecdotal evidence of a recent spike in gas thefts.

"A friend of mine who runs a gas station said his dollar value of stolen gasoline has effectively doubled in the past few months," said Woolley. "There's more drive-away type situations from the gas stations."

Pre-pay gas laws have been enacted in B.C. and Manitoba. Ontario may adopt a similar policy, said Woolley. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pump prices hurt couples

Couples in long-distance relationships say the soaring price of gas is breaking their hearts as well as their wallets.

With prices at the pump reaching all-time highs, high gas prices are taking an emotional toll on couples who are already working hard to keep the spark alive, says Marilyn Belleghem, a registered marriage and family therapist in Burlington.

"It brings up other problems, especially in cash-strapped couples," she says, adding that absence does not always make the heart grow fonder.

"If you're not seeing each other as often then that absence doesn't mean that while we are separated we are just pining for each other. Because, very often, with that distance that's when another distraction comes along." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Khawaja case to test terror laws

Man facing life in prison if convicted on seven charges

More than four years after the arrest of Ottawa software designer Momin Khawaja, federal prosecutors are poised to lay out the evidence they've gathered to back their contention that he played a key role in an international plot by Islamic extremists to bomb targets in Britain.

terror act

» The Anti-Terrorism Act was pushed through Parliament following the 9/11 attacks.

Khawaja, who goes on trial today in Ontario Superior Court, faces seven counts of terrorist-related offences that could put him in prison for life if he's convicted.

The prosecution is being billed as a test for the RCMP, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and Crown attorneys charged with the implementation of federal anti-terror legislation.

"The question is whether Canada can mount a complex anti-terrorism case," says Wesley Wark, a University of Ottawa expert in security issues.

"Not only whether it can mount a successful case, but also whether it can be a fair trial — because that's also something Canadians are going to be concerned about."

Defence lawyer Lawrence Greenspon has spent a good part of the time since March 2004 on pretrial constitutional challenges of the Anti-Terrorism Act. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec City **Eucharistic Congress**

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Gov.-Gen. Michaëlle Jean speaks with Marc Cardinal Ouellet yesterday at the end of the 49th International Eucharistic Congress on the Plains of Abraham in Quebec City.

Harper apology focus on Aboriginal Day

Aboriginal Day celebrations honoured the cultural contributions of First Nation, Inuit and Metis people in the wake of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's official apology.

First proclaimed 12 years ago by the Liberal government of Jean Chrétien, National Aboriginal Day is held on June 21, the first day of summer, the longest day of the year and the day deemed to mark the rebirth of Mother Earth.

This year's celebration comes less than two weeks after Harper formally apologized on behalf of the government for the legacy of residential schools, where many young aboriginal people suffered abuse. THE CANADIAN PRESS

fiery wreck

Pair escape plane crash in Windsor

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Lover's fight suspected

Two men, one woman and child taken to hospital

One man is dead, another is in critical condition and a woman was seriously injured after a raucous, violent melee yesterday that police suspect was linked to a love triangle.

Police in Laval, Que., say a 43-year-old man arrived at his ex-girlfriend's apartment at 8:20 a.m. to confront the 33-year-old woman and her new, 22-year-old boyfriend.

A heated verbal exchange between the men rapidly degenerated into a bloody fracas that involved a baseball bat and a knife, a Laval police spokesman said.

Const. Frank Di Genova said the woman was caught in the middle, while a 12-year-old girl, the child of at least one of the adults, witnessed the fight.

"At around 3:40 p.m. I was informed that the young man in his 20s is dead," ambulance spokesman Guy Saint-Pierre said.

The older man, who lives in a downstairs unit in the same building, has life-threatening injuries, he said.

The 12-year-old girl was also taken to hospital to be treated for violent nervous shock.

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hospital

» The city's ambulance service said both men's hearts had stopped by the time paramedics arrived at the building in the city's Ste-Dorothee district.

» Spokesman Guy Saint-Pierre said the two men were revived and taken to hospital.

Ottawa **International Ribfest**

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Succulent chicken and ribs are reflected in the sunglasses of cook Daniella Brazel, 23, of Mississauga, as she works the grill of Uncle Sam's BBQ kiosk at the International Ribfest yesterday on Sparks Street in Ottawa. Thousands of people sampled food and entertainment at the annual start-of-summer event in Ottawa's downtown.

Competitor dies during 156 km relay race

A 64-year-old competitor collapsed and died Saturday after completing his portion of a 156-kilometre relay race in the Rocky Mountains.

RCMP say the man was competing in the K-100 Kananaskis Relay Race. Immediate medical assistance was provided and a helicopter was dispatched, but the man was pronounced dead at the scene.

Race director Cheryl Lowery has organized more than 50 races in the past, but said she's never had this happen.

"It's just been a difficult day for all of us," Lowery said.

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Immigration key for Grits

While Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion is out this summer selling his "Green Shift" plan, deputy leader Michael Ignatieff will be on the road as well, trying to put together a new party platform on the crucial issue of immigration.

Ignatieff and longtime Liberal MP Maurizio Bevilacqua are in the midst of planning a cross-country trek to get ideas on immigration reform and reconnect the Liberal party to its cultural community bases across Canada.

"We don't like what the Conservatives have done on immigration but we want to come with a good plan to propose to Canadians and Michael and Maurizio have decided they will come with recommendations for the party," Dion said.

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visible

» Dion says the Liberals intend to be far more visible across the country this summer.

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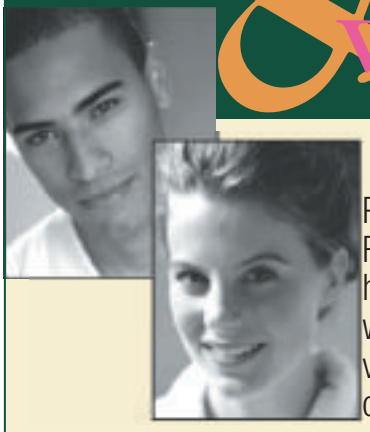

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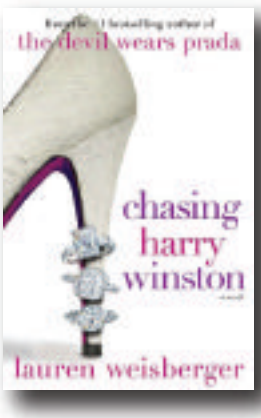

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Course shows army struggling in Arctic

Canadian military still learning basics of winter warfare

graduation

» All 33 candidates graduated and Natural Resources Canada facilities in Resolute were declared suitable for ongoing winter warfare courses.

As Canada prepares to spend billions defending the Arctic with icebreakers and deep-water ports, the soldiers who will actually stand guard over that frigid frontier have a shopping list of their own.

Warm boots would be nice. So would snowmobiles that run, food that doesn't freeze and shovels that dig.

Internal assessments released to The Canadian Press of a Canadian Forces advanced winter warfare course last March in Resolute, Nunavut, depict a military still learning the basics of working in the North and vulnerable to challenges that extreme weather can bring.

"A lot of things popped up" said Lt.-Col. Marco Rancourt, commander of the Canadian Forces Land Advance Warfare Centre in Trenton. "Conducting operations in the Arctic is difficult."

The course is designed to train participants to safely lead other soldiers in Arctic operations. It was also intended as a dry run for a permanent winter warfare school based in Resolute.

Mistakes, however, were made even before the soldiers and equipment arrived.

Snowmobiles were drained of gas on the flight up to save weight. But that allowed condensation to form inside the gas tanks, which caused the machines to repeatedly stall as water in their fuel lines froze in Resolute's -60 C temperatures.

The course was designed to first give participants a couple days to acclimatize to cold weather, but that was done at CFB Borden near Toronto — nowhere near the type of terrain or climate the soldiers were about to enter.

"Due to the warm weather conditions, proper winter training and preparation for Arctic winter training was not achieved," says a document.

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The Roman Catholic Church in the Holy Land has a new leader — the second Palestinian to hold the post. Archbishop Fouad Twal, 67, succeeds Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah in the Jerusalem-based position. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Female bomber strikes

15 killed in suicide attack near Baghdad

A female suicide bomber struck near a government compound northeast of Baghdad yesterday, killing at least 15 people and wounding 40, police said. At least 21 suicide attacks have been carried out this year by women.

The bomber detonated her explosives in front of a heavily guarded area that includes the courthouse, the post office and the governor's offices in the city of Baqouba, a police officer said.

The 15 killed included seven policemen, the officer said, giving the casualty toll on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information.

The attack occurred about 1 p.m., a time when large numbers of people were visiting the compound.

A car bomb across the street from the compound killed at least 40 people in April.

The U.S. military has warned that women bombers are being increasingly recruited by "al Qaeda in Iraq" because they can more easily avoid security searches.

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An Iraqi woman reacts at the scene yesterday where a female suicide bomber detonated her explosives in Baqouba, 60 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, Iraq.

Storm kills 137 people in Philippines, sinks ferry

Rescuers battled huge waves and strong winds yesterday to reach a ferry that capsized during a deadly typhoon in the Philippines a day earlier, but found no immediate signs of the more than 740 passengers and crew.

Coast guard frogmen who managed to get to the stricken ship got no response when they rapped on the hull with metal instruments, then had to give up for the night due to the strong waves.

Rescuers hoped to get inside today, likely with U.S. assistance requested by the Philippine Red Cross. Typhoon Fengshen has killed at least 137 people across the sprawling archipelago, setting off landslides and floods, and knocking out electricity.

So far, 10 people from the ferry are known to have made it to land. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

»news In Brief

» **BATTLE** NATO forces launched artillery strikes across the Afghan border at attackers who fired at them from Pakistan, and insurgents killed two police officers in an ambush southwest of the Afghan capital, officials said yesterday.

» **LEBANON** Fighting broke out in northern Lebanon yesterday between pro- and anti-government factions leaving at least three people dead and 24 wounded, security and medical officials said.

» **HEAT** Californians exhausted by a nearly weeklong heat wave looked for relief yesterday as temperatures were expected to be 6 to 9 degrees cooler than the day before. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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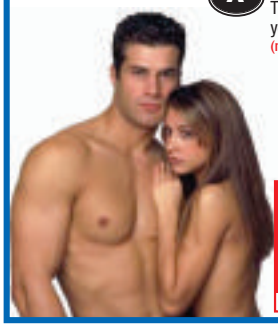

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Mississippi hitting peak

Flooding woes continue in U.S.

The upper Mississippi River was expected to largely reach its high point yesterday, cresting at several spots north of St. Louis after rising for weeks and flooding towns in Missouri and Illinois.

While not record setting, the devastation was still widespread: the storms and flooding that started in early June have forced thousands from their homes across six states, killing 24 and injuring roughly 150.

While the swollen Mississippi has topped or broken through levees for hundreds of kilometres above St. Louis, the flooding has not led to any deaths or significant injuries yet in Missouri or Illinois.

National Weather Service forecasters said the Mississippi would crest at points from Canton, Mo., not far from the Iowa state line, through the town of Clarksville farther down river, 110 kilometres north of St. Louis.

At the last two gauges where the river was still rising — at hard-hit Winfield and Grafton, Ill., — the river was expected to crest today. It could not come soon enough in flooded Winfield, where the water topped one of the town's levees yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

hurting summer business

» "Sunday is a big (business) day for Grafton, but just about every business is shut down," said Joe DeSherlia, owner of the Grafton Harbor. "Most of our businesses make their money in the summer, and that tides us over in the winter when there are no tourists."

Artifacts returned to Iraq

Jordan turned over yesterday nearly 2,500 stolen Iraqi artifacts to Iraq's top antiquities official, in the latest effort to recover the war-torn country's stolen heritage.

In the chaos following the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, looters snatched some 15,000 priceless artifacts and smuggled them out of the country. In the last few months, Jordanian authorities seized 2,466 items as they were being taken across the border.

Samples of the silver coins, necklaces, ancient Sumerian scrolls, ceramic pots and other artifacts were displayed for journalists during a brief ceremony at the Jordanian Antiquities Department in Amman.

Iraq's acting state minister of tourism and archeology, Mohammed Abbas al-Oreibi, told reporters the antiquities will be packed and sent back to Iraq in the coming days.

So far, Iraq retrieved a total of 8,500 items out of the 15,000 antiquities stolen, he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mugabe rival pulls out of race

Tsvangirai fears for safety of party supporters

Opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai said yesterday he is withdrawing from Friday's presidential run-off because of mounting violence and intimidation against his supporters.

Tsvangirai announced his decision during a news conference in Zimbabwe's capital after thousands of militants loyal to President Robert Mugabe blockaded the site of the opposition's main campaign rally.

"We can't ask the people to cast their vote ... when that vote will cost their lives. We will no longer participate in this violent sham of an election," he said. "Mugabe has declared war, and we will not be part of that war."

Zimbabwean Information Minister Sikhanyiso Ndlovu said the run-off would go ahead in accordance with the constitution. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

new proposals

» Tsvangirai said he would put forward new proposals by Wednesday on how to take the country forward.

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Morgan Tsvangirai, leader of the main opposition party in Zimbabwe, gestures at a press conference in Harare yesterday.

»news In Brief

» **BODIES** Searchers have found the bodies of three snowboarders missing since December in a skiing area in Washington state. Autopsies have not been performed, but searchers theorize the three were killed by an avalanche.

» **VISIT** French President Nicolas Sarkozy arrived in Israel yesterday for his first presidential visit to the country. The three-day visit is aimed at cementing the improved relations between the two countries after years of frosty ties. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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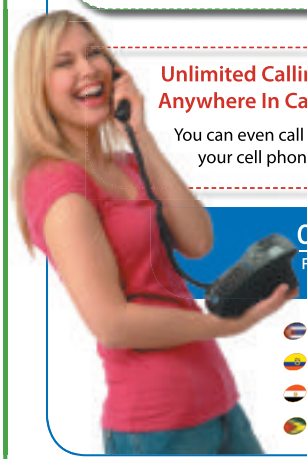

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business

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Saudis promise more oil

Vague pledge falls far short of U.S. hopes

oil output increase

» Saudi Arabia announced a 300,000 barrel per day production increase in May and said it would add another 200,000 bpd in July, raising total output to 9.7 million bpd. Total world oil production is 85 million bpd.

Facing strong U.S. pressure and global dismay over oil prices, Saudi Arabia said yesterday it will produce more crude this year if the market needs it. But the vague pledge fell far short of U.S. hopes for a specific increase and may do little to lower prices immediately.

For now, the current "oil shock" leaves western countries with little choice but to move toward nuclear power and change their energy-consumption habits, Britain's prime minister warned at a rare meeting of oil-producing and consuming countries n Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia, the world's top crude exporter, called the gathering to send a message that it, too, is concerned by high oil prices inflicting economic pain worldwide.

Instead, the meeting highlighted the sharp disagreement between producers and consuming countries over the core factors driving steep price hikes.

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Economy **Kiel awards**

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Germany's SAP founder Dietmar Hopp, right, and EU commissioner for competition, Neelie Kroes, welcome Nobel Prize for Economy winner Edmund Phelps, left, to Kiel Institute for the World Economy's 2008 Global Economy Prize awards ceremony in Kiel, Germany, yesterday.

New owners likely to change face of Bell

Satellite division could be sold

Consumers will likely see little immediate change but the face of Bell Canada could dramatically change as the prospective new owners of BCE Inc. attempt to recoup their $52-billion investment from the takeover.

Former Telus executive George Cope, who has been tapped to replace Michael Sabia as chief executive of the privatized giant, is expected to move quickly to take decisive action formulated in plans developed since the takeover was first announced nearly a year ago.

Eventually, assets such as satellite division Express Vu could be sold, costs cut and regional phone and Internet operator Bell Aliant sold or repurchased entirely.

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»news In Brief

» **TRUCE** Nigeria's main militant group behind two years of crippling attacks on oil infrastructure, said yesterday it would halt attacks starting midnight tomorrow and would launch no more attacks until further notice.

» **FARES** United Airlines said Friday it will start requiring minimum stays for nearly all U.S. flights beginning in October. It is also raising its cheapest fares by $90 US.

» **RV SALES** Winnebago Industries said Friday its third quarter profit skidded 73 per cent as high gas prices, tighter credit and a soft economy drive motor homes sales lower industrywide.

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GM Oshawa to get hybrids afterall: union

General Motors has reversed its decision not to build any hybrid pickups in Oshawa and will start assembling them this fall, despite plans to close its truck plant there next year, union leaders say.

Adding hybrids at the truck plant represents some hope the facility will stay open, said Keith Osborne, chair of Canadian Auto Workers Local 222 at GM's Oshawa complex.

"It's positive because if hybrid truck sales take off, it would make us more attractive to building trucks in Oshawa," said Osborne after a meeting with local GM management on Friday.

"It is a little encouraging, but they still haven't changed their plans to close it," added Greg Moffatt, union chair at the truck plant.

A GM spokesperson could not be reached to confirm the change.

GM announced in early June it would close four assembly operations in North America, including the Oshawa truck plant, because soaring gasoline prices were driving consumers from trucks and SUVs to smaller, more fuel-efficient cars.

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Microsoft to pay Lucent $512M

Judgment made over firm's patent infringements

A federal judge ordered Microsoft Corp. to pay Alcatel-Lucent $511.6 million US in damages and interest, letting stand a jury's decision that the software maker infringed on two patents. The decision marks the latest move in a five-year-old patent scuffle.

The world's largest software maker had asked the U.S. District Court in San Diego to reconsider a federal jury's award in April to Paris-based Alcatel-Lucent of $357.7 million in damages.

> « *We plan to appeal the rulings against us.* »
>
> —David Bowerman, Microsoft

The jury found the software maker infringed on an Alcatel-Lucent patent that covers how software users select a calendar date from a menu in certain programs.

The jury also awarded Alcatel-Lucent $10.4 million for an infringement on a patent related to the use of a stylus.

Judge Marilyn Huff denied Microsoft's request Thursday that she reconsider those findings, and she raised the amount of damages due Alcatel-Lucent. "We are disappointed Judge Huff denied our request for a new trial," said Microsoft spokesman David Bowermaster. "We plan to appeal the rulings against us."

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» **BREWING** The head of Mexican beer company Grupo Modelo is stepping down from the board of Anheuser-Busch Cos. as the other directors of the iconic American brewer of Budweiser are considering a $46-billion US takeover offer from Belgian brewer InBev. The resignation of Carlos Fernandez was announced Friday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Toronto FC was held off the scoreboard for just the third time this season and its three-game home winning streak came to an end Saturday with a 0-0 tie against the Kansas City Wizards. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pele victim of robbery: Reports

Soccer legend Pele was held at gunpoint by a band of youths who robbed his gold necklace, cellphone and a watch, local media reported yesterday.

Pele

The robbery — which took place on June 13 but was not made public until now — occurred near the city of Santos in southern Sao Paulo state, the respected news magazine Veja reported on its website.

Pele, who helped Brazil win three of its five World Cup titles, was riding in the passenger seat of a car when it was stopped by at least 10 young men armed with pistols and knives, the report said. Veja said Pele did not report the crime to police.

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Spain saved by clutch goalie

Casillas stops pair of penalties to knock out Italy

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Spain goalkeeper Iker Casillas saves a penalty yesterday during a Euro 2008 quarter-final against Italy in Vienna, Austria. Spain's victory moves them into a semifinal against Russia on Thursday.

Iker Casillas saved two penalties and Cesc Fabregas scored the winning kick to give Spain a 4-2 shootout victory over World Cup champion Italy yesterday and a spot in the European Championship semifinals.

After an often dull 0-0 draw, the man-of-the-match Casillas saved penalties from Daniele De Rossi and Antonio Di Natale.

"I was sure he was going to stop the penalties," Spain coach Luis Aragones said. "I was sure."

Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon saved Spain's fourth kick from Dani Guiza, but David Villa, Santi Cazorla, Marcos Senna also scored to send Spain through to a semi-final meeting with Russia.

Only Fabio Grosso and Mauro Camoranesi managed to score their penalties for Italy.

"We deserved to win on penalty kicks," Aragones said. "We didn't play great football, but neither did Italy."

Spain, the only of the four group winners to reach the semifinals at Euro 2008, will face Russia on Thursday. The Spaniards beat Russia 4-1 in its opening Group D match. Germany will face Turkey on Wednesday.

After an uninspiring 90 minutes in which neither side met its potential, David Silva hit a shot just wide for Spain in extra time and Di Natale had a header tipped over the bar by Casillas.

With key midfielders Andrea Pirlo and Gennaro Gattuso suspended, the World Cup champions seemed mostly content to try and stifle a Spain team that had shown some of the best attacking football in the group stages.

"We're very bitter, but we still have a lot of pride," Gattuso said. "Losing on penalties happens. We won the World Cup on penalties."

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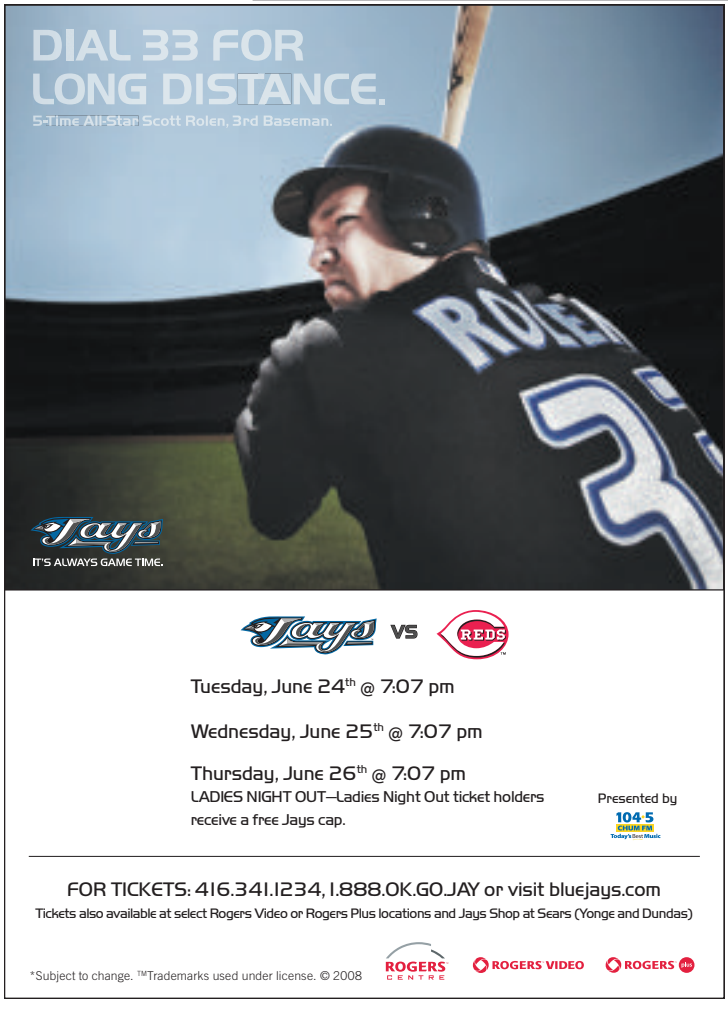
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Blue Jays starter Shaun Marcum, right, who was placed on the 15-day disabled list on Saturday because of a strained right elbow, is expected to be examined by noted orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews today. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blue Jays snap slide at 7 games

Gaston gets first win since return to T.O.

BLUE JAYS 8 PIRATES 5

Cito Gaston and the Blue Jays finally got to have some fun on the final day of a difficult road trip.

Gaston earned his first win as Blue Jays manager in 11 years, getting home runs from Scott Rolen and Adam Lind in an 8-5 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates yesterday.

Toronto snapped a seven-game losing streak and scored its most runs since a 9-8 loss to the New York Yankees on June 5. The Blue Jays scored only 21 runs during their skid.

"It was a big win for us," Gaston said. "I thought overall everybody did a great job today. We scored some runs and (Pittsburgh) caught up with us, but they went back and battled again and scored some runs."

Lyle Overbay and Vernon Wells had two RBIs apiece for Toronto, which avoided a sweep and the third 0-6 road trip in franchise history. Joe Inglett went 3-for-4 and Marco Scutaro scored three runs.

"There's not relief but happiness," Inglett said. "It was good to see guys running around the bases laughing and having a good time again ... Hopefully that will continue."

Gaston, who managed the Blue Jays from 1989-97 and won two World Series titles, took over again Friday when the club fired John Gibbons. He went 681-635 during his first stint before guiding the team to losses in the first two games of the series.

"It has been a long road trip, but hopefully this gets us going," Overbay said. "The good thing about coming out of it is that we had good at-bats. We're getting those quality at-bats, giving ourselves opportunities."

Dustin McGowan (6-5) allowed four runs — three earned — and nine hits in five innings for Toronto. He improved to 4-1 in his past six starts.

B.J. Ryan pitched the ninth for his 15th save. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pirates baserunner Raul Chavez upends Blue Jays second baseman Joe Inglett after a fourth-inning force out yesterday in Pittsburgh.

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» **OLYMPICS** Blythe Hartley of North Vancouver, B.C., and Jennifer Abel of Laval, Que., will represent Canada in women's springboard at the Olympic Games after finishing first and second, respectively, at diving trials yesterday. They join Alexandre Despatie, Marie-Eve Marleau and Roseline Filion of Laval, Meaghan Benfeito and Arturo Miranda of Montreal, Emilie Heymans of St. Lambert, Que., and Regina's Reuben Ross on Canada's team for Beijing.

» **GOLF** Stewart Cink won the Travelers Championship by one shot yesterday in Connecticut after weathering a thunderstorm, an early bogey and late charges from defending champion Hunter Mahan and Tommy Armour III. Cink shot a 3-under 67 to finish at 18-under for his fifth career victory and first since 2004. Armour (65) and Mahan (65) tied for second.

» **GOLF** Eun-Hee Ji got her first win on the LPGA Tour with a come-from-behind, two-stroke victory over Suzann Pettersen at the Wegmans LPGA yesterday in Rochester, N.Y. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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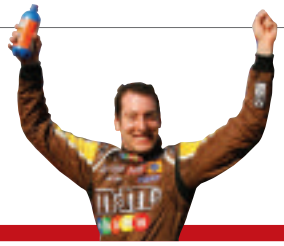
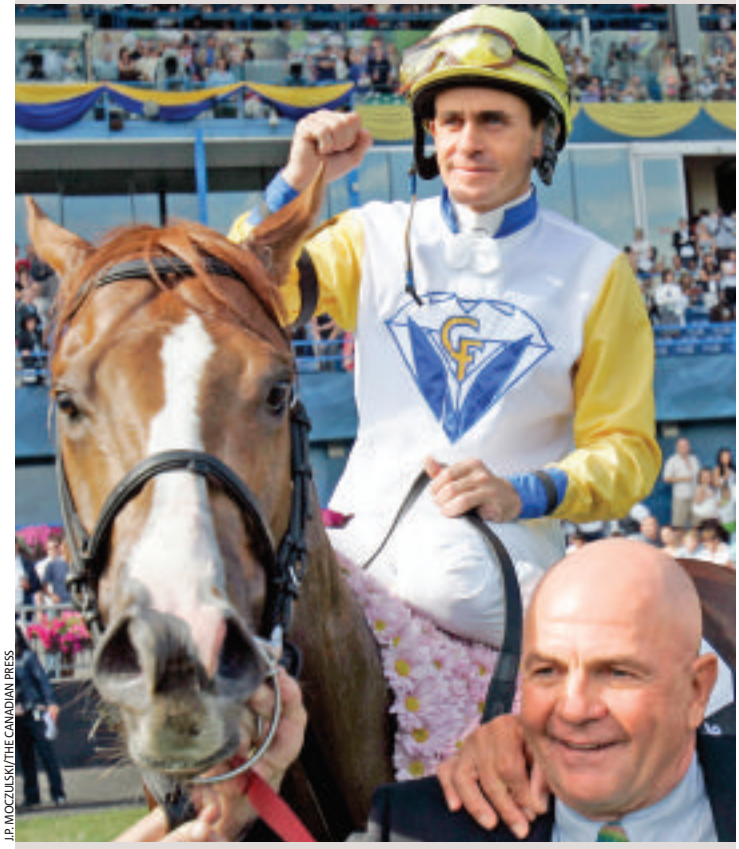


Kyle Busch, left, raced to his first Sprint Cup Series win on a road course yesterday at the Toyota/Save Mart 350. It was Busch's series-best fifth win of the season and 11th overall spanning all three of NASCAR's top series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Winners circle **Not Bourbon takes Plate**



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Jockey Jono Jones pumps his fist as he rides Queen's Plate winner Not Bourbon into the winners circle after winning the $1 million race yesterday at Woodbine racetrack. The win was a record-tying eighth for trainer Roger Attfield.

Real work starts now for NHL picks

Players that can step in right away are very rare

It's only natural for hockey fans in search of hope to look to their team's top draft choice with excitement.

Many NHL squads selected players this weekend that will become mainstays on their rosters down the road. However, it's important to remember that the road is likely to be long and winding for most of the young men called to the stage at Scotiabank Place.

Very few will be ready to make an impact next season.

"That's the thing about hockey — it's really a four year process of development," said Shane Malloy, who scouts junior players on a freelance basis. "It's really good for the fans to understand that you have to be patient with these kids. It's so difficult, especially for defencemen, to play at the pro level.

"Don't expect everybody to be Sidney Crosbys and Dion Phaneufs. They call them phenoms for a reason."

You can count on Steve Stamkos playing for the Tampa Bay Lightning next season after being selected first overall. He had 58 goals in 61 games with Sarnia this year and is expected to centre Tampa's second line.

There's likely to be a few others who make an NHL team after an impressive training camp in the fall. Malloy watches young prospects as much as he can and believes that defenceman Luke Schenn is the player beyond Stamkos most likely to play in the NHL next season.

Schenn was selected fifth overall by the Maple Leafs.

Malloy also counts on one surprise player moving up but doesn't think there'll be any more than three guys from this year's draft playing in the big league next season.

"It's a matter of tempo and speed," he said. "Every league that you jump up to, the tempo and the speed and the talent level compresses. The faster you can process information, the quicker you can play as a pro."

Three players made the full-time jump this season.

Patrick Kane, Sam Gagner and David Perron were all drafted last year and jumped straight to the NHL.

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Leafs' draft choices

- 1. (5th overall, from N.Y. Islanders), Luke Schenn, D, Kelowna (WHL)
- 2. (60th overall, from Pittsburgh), Jimmy Hayes, RW, Lincoln (USHL)
- 3. (98th overall), Mikhail Stefanovich, C, Quebec (QMJHL)
- 4. (128th overall), Greg Pateryn, D, Ohio (USHL)
- 5. (129th overall, from Phoenix), Joel Champagne, C, Chicoutimi (QMJHL)
- 6. (130th overall, from Florida), Jerome Flaake, LW, Koln (Germany)
- 7. (158th overall), Grant Rollheiser, G, Trail (BCHL)
- 8. (188th overall), Andrew MacWilliam, D, Camrose (AJHL)

SCOREBOARD

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	47	31	.603	—
Tampa Bay	44	31	.587	1½
N.Y. Yankees	41	35	.539	5
Baltimore	38	36	.514	7
TORONTO	36	41	.468	10½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	41	33	.554	—
Minnesota	40	36	.526	2
Detroit	36	39	.480	5½
Cleveland	35	41	.461	7
Kansas City	33	43	.434	9

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Angels	46	30	.605	—
Oakland	41	34	.547	4½
Texas	39	38	.506	7½
Seattle	26	49	.347	19½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	42	35	.545	—
Florida	40	35	.533	1
N.Y. Mets	37	37	.500	3½
Atlanta	38	39	.494	4
Washington	30	47	.390	12

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	47	28	.627	—
St. Louis	44	33	.571	4
Milwaukee	41	34	.547	6
Pittsburgh	36	40	.474	11½
Houston	35	41	.461	12½
Cincinnati	35	42	.455	13

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Arizona	39	37	.513	—
L.A. Dodgers	35	40	.467	3½
Colorado	32	44	.421	7
San Francisco	32	44	.421	7
San Diego	32	45	.416	7½

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

INTERLEAGUE

Toronto 8 Pittsburgh 5
Atlanta 8 Seattle 3
Boston 5 St. Louis 3 (13 ings)
Detroit 5 San Diego 3
Houston 3 Tampa Bay 2
Kansas City 11 San Francisco 10
L.A. Angels 3 Philadelphia 2
L.A. Dodgers 4 Cleveland 3
Milwaukee 7 Baltimore 3
Minnesota 5 Arizona 3
N.Y. Yankees 4 Cincinnati 1
Oakland 7 Florida 1
Texas 5 Washington 3
Chicago Sox at Chicago Cubs

NATIONAL LEAGUE

N.Y. Mets 3 Colorado 1

TONIGHT'S GAMES

INTERLEAGUE

Arizona at Boston, 7:05
Seattle at N.Y. Mets, 7:10
L.A. Angels at Washington, 7:10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Colorado at Kansas City, 8:10
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:10

CFL

REGULAR SEASON

WEEK 1

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Montreal at Hamilton, 7
B.C. at Calgary, 10

FRIDAY'S GAME

TORONTO at Winnipeg, 8

SATURDAY'S GAME

Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 7:30

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Kansas City 0 TORONTO 0

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

TORONTO at New England, 7:30

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QUARTER-FINALS

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

Spain 0 Italy 0
(Spain advances 4-2 on penalties)

SATURDAY'S RESULT

Russia 3 Netherlands 1 (extra time)

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Croatia 1 Turkey 1
(Turkey advances 3-1 on penalties)

THURSDAY'S RESULT

Germany 3 Portugal 2

SEMIFINALS

WEDNESDAY'S GAME

Germany vs. Turkey, 2:45

THURSDAY'S GAME

Russia vs. Spain, 2:45

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Semifinal winners, 2:45

LOTTERIES

Friday, June 20, 2008

Lotto Super 7	7, 11, 26, 33, 34, 40 & 46. Bonus 25.
Ontario Pick 3	2 0 3
Ontario Pick 4	8 8 8 3
Encore	2082324
Daily Keno	4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 20, 21, 23, 27, 29, 31, 38, 41, 44, 45, 55, 63, 65, 67, 69.

Saturday, June 21, 2008

Lotto 6/49	6, 7, 14, 16, 17 & 27 Bonus 32.
Ontario 49	6, 13, 17, 20, 42 & 46. Bonus 4.
Lottario	1, 2, 16, 25, 31 & 41. Bonus 8.
Early bird	4, 7, 16 & 39.
Ontario Pick 3	1 4 7
Ontario Pick 4	1 7 2 9
Encore	0031562
Daily Keno	2, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 22, 23, 24, 32, 33, 46, 47, 50, 53, 55, 59, 63, 64, 66.

Sunday, June 22, 2008

Ontario Pick 3	0 0 8
Ontario Pick 4	9 1 8 1
Encore	0083913
Daily Keno	2, 6, 10, 11, 14, 27, 28, 32, 34, 38, 40, 42, 56, 57, 60, 62, 65, 67, 68, 69.

Results not official

5-time champ Federer a Wimbledon underdog?

World No. 1 not interested in talk

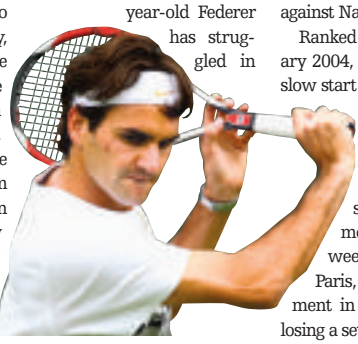
Bjorn Borg and Novak Djokovic say Roger Federer's reign at Wimbledon is in jeopardy. Pete Sampras and Rafael Nadal say Federer remains the man to beat on grass.

"It's maybe a time where some people talk a little bit too much," Federer said yesterday, 24 hours before playing the first Centre Court match as he begins his pursuit of a sixth consecutive Wimbledon title.

That would equal the record established by William Renshaw, the champion in 1881-86. Since the early 1900s, Federer and Borg (1976-80) are the only men to win Wimbledon five times in a row. Federer's 59-match winning streak on grass is the longest in the 40-year Open era.

Yet there has been plenty of debate the past two weeks regarding whether Federer is this year's favourite. It seems everyone but old Willie Renshaw has weighed in on the subject.

Nobody disputes the 26-year-old Federer has struggled in recent months. For only the second time since early 2003, he has been beaten at two consecutive major tournaments. He has lost eight matches this year, only one less than in all of 2007. And he endured his most lopsided Grand Slam defeat in the French Open final two weeks ago, winning only four games against Nadal.



Ranked No. 1 since February 2004, Federer blames his slow start this year on a bout with mononucleosis and says he feels fine now. He showed no signs of slippage when he moved to grass the week after the loss in Paris, winning a tournament in Germany without losing a set. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Massa roars to French GP victory

RACES Felipe Massa of Ferrari won the French Grand Prix yesterday and moved top of the overall standings after his third F1 victory of the season.

Massa overtook teammate and pole sitter Kimi Raikkonen with 32 laps to go and held on to win by 17.9 seconds.

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Driver killed in Mosport crash

ACCIDENT An American driver died after crashing during a race in the International Vintage Racing Festival at Mosport International Raceway yesterday in Bowmanville, Ont., police said yesterday.

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Monday, June 23	First group performs
Tuesday, June 24	Second group performs
Wednesday, June 25	Results Show
Monday, June 30	First group performs
Tuesday, July 1	Second group performs
Wednesday, July 2	Results Show
Monday, July 7	First group performs
Tuesday, July 8	Second group performs
Wednesday, July 9	Results Show (Top 10 are announced)
Monday, July 14	First Top 10 Performance Show

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Which way will you shift?

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Did you feel the shift? Well, maybe that's because at this stage it is only a proposed shift. A Green Shift, that is.

Late last week the Liberal party introduced a proposed revenue-neutral shift in burden from personal income and corporate taxes to carbon taxes to be imposed on wholesalers, and passed on to the consumer. The idea seems to be improving environmental consciousness through sticker shock (higher power and heating bills), but without actually reducing purchasing power, particularly for those earning lower wages. In fact, the proposed tax is a flat tax per tonne of carbon, while the reduction in income taxes is progressive, greater relief at the bottom, so the overall affect would be to make Canada's taxation structure more progressive.

Sounds like a plan with some merit, but our question to you is your threshold for changing habits? The entire plan is predicated on the idea that you will be so dismayed by the high cost of your heating bill that you will turn it down a couple degrees — since you will be stunned by the hydro bill, you will keep your thermostat two degrees warmer in the summer and start turning off the lights. Is this likely?

Consider the example of gasoline. Gas prices have increased by more than 250 per cent over the past decade, increasing by nearly 30 per cent in the past year alone. Still, we are only now seeing a shift in driving habits, primarily with people purchasing more fuel efficient cars (great time to buy that SUV, it will make a lovely garden piece). Most vehicles going down the road are still carrying only one person. That's one-and-a-half tonnes of steel designed to move a mere 70 kilograms of flesh.

Given that the current fleet of new passenger cars get an average of 27.5 mpg in the U.S., and assuming the same in Canada (8.7 L/100 km), a driver travelling 10,000 kilometres per year will pay more than $1,150 per year. Given the same fuel efficiency and driving habits, this person would have spent more than $550 per year only five years ago. That's an increase in fuel costs of $600.

And that's a VERY conservative estimate, with most drivers covering much more than 10,000 kilometres per year, with most drivers in older vehicles with reduced efficiency, and with many of us driving larger vehicles like SUVs. Still, we are only now changing our habits.

The Liberal party press release suggests the average cost per household of the new carbon taxes will be $225 to $250 per year. Is this going to change our energy consumption habits? The experience with gasoline suggests no.

So how could this "Green Shift" actually shift us toward green? One possibility is a carrot to industry. Make the proposed cuts in business taxes contingent upon environmental performance. Making tax cuts "so they can invest more in their own practices, reduce their own polluting and increase their energy efficiency" (Liberal party website, A Green Shift For Canada) sounds good, but with a responsibility to shareholders, this tax cut may not translate to greener operations.

Liberal Leader Stephane Dion

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With road trip and cottage season upon us, Canadians are spending more time in their cars.

The Ford Motor Company of Canada Ltd. offers these tips on how to conserve gas:

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Clean green around the home

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Green your wedding

Eco-friendly nuptials setting growing trend

Vancouver wedding planner Susan Johnston doesn't raise an eyebrow at some of the offbeat requests she gets from brides and grooms planning environmentally-friendly weddings.

"I love that so many people are talking about the idea of 'green' weddings and are actually taking the time to think about the impacts of these events," says the owner of Green Coast Weddings.

"I believe that those people who already live a fairly eco-friendly lifestyle will likely regard the planning of their wedding in terms of eco-friendly practices.

"It's often said that, 'Oh, it's just one day. You don't have to worry about the ecological footprint of the celebration of your wedding. It only happens once in your life.'"

But Johnston says she thinks more people are rejecting this type of thinking and are coming to the understanding that inviting 200 people to drive, eat, drink and party all together on one day "can be incredibly hard on the environment."

When Tim Harris, 27, and Barb Puddy, 23, say their vows at their wedding this summer they will be making an environmental statement of sorts.

"We are having the ceremony and the reception at the same venue, eliminating much travel, and because the service is being held at an outdoor chapel, it does cut down heating a building or needing lighting," says Harris.

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Tim Harris and Barb Puddy from Kitchener, Ont., stand in a stream that runs through an outdoor wedding chapel where they will exchange vows in Ancaster, Ont. The couple will be married in a "green wedding" at the end of the month.

And instead of using musical instruments that require electrical energy, Puddy says they have decided to have a harpist and flutist to provide background melody for the service.

The venue — the Ancaster Old Mill near Hamilton, Ont., a popular destination for weddings — already offers organic and locally grown menus for their clients, so it's also "a good fit," says Harris.

So far "we've done three to five green weddings a year, but we see the trend is growing because couples want to go one step further and feel good about their big day," says Jeff Crump, executive chef at the pesticide-free venue.

Johnston says that typically by planning a green wedding, "couples tend to downsize significantly and don't invite long-lost relatives and instead plan more intimate events."

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small footprint

» More couples are choosing to honour the planet on the day they tie the knot. Here are some ways to create a wedding that makes a big impression, but leaves a small footprint.

» Use green paper. Most invitation companies now offer recycled paper. You can even have your invites printed with biodegradable ink.

» Shop vintage for your gown. Ask family members if they have a dress you can tailor to suit your style. Another option: Go to a consignment store where you can find discount designer gowns.

» Offset your guests' travel. If you'd like to make your wedding carbon-neutral, you can visit sites like *terrapass.com*, which will help you calculate the emissions generated during the event and will show you how to purchase green energy credits to "offset" this amount.

» Borrow from nature. Whether it's fruit or tree cuttings or seashells look around for natural elements to enhance the ambience.

» Get crafty. Rather than use cut flowers, make handmade origami flowers that guests can take home with them.

» Style yourself naturally. Pick organic and natural grooming products; you can also hire makeup artists and hairstylists who use green goods. Many companies like Aveda (*aveda.com*) have salon professionals available for special occasions.

» For more tips on holding an eco-friendly green wedding, visit these websites: *blueplanetwedding.com*; *www.greenelegancewedding.com*; *www.greatgreenwedding.com*.

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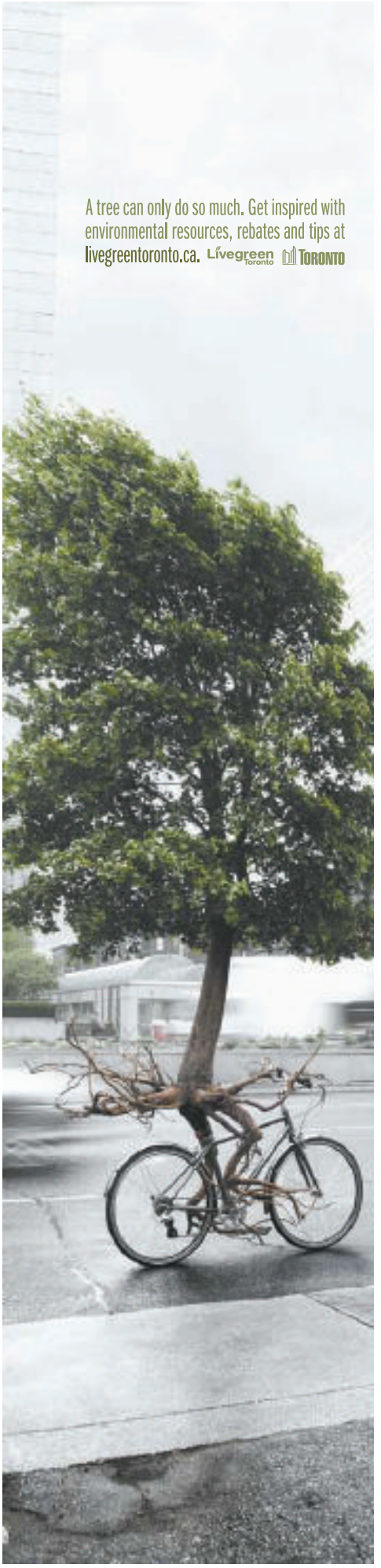

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Job hunting in the stars

Careers in space attainable for all, MacLean says

By **RAFAEL BRUSILOW**
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Astronaut Steve MacLean says he never thought he had it in him to go to space when he applied to the CSA 25 years ago.

Renowned Canadian astronaut Steve MacLean wants Canadians to know a career in space isn't out of their reach.

The well-travelled space explorer, famous for having flown space flights aboard space shuttles Columbia and Atlantis, hit the road recently to convince Canadians that they have what it takes to be the newest additions to the Canadian Space Agency's (CSA) flying roster.

MacLean's road crusade comes on the heels of the announcement by Jim Prentice, minister of Industry Canada, that the CSA will recruit two new astronauts for upcoming space flight missions to the moon and Mars.

Though the odds seem steep — two positions out of an entire country of potential applicants — MacLean is adamant that qualified people shouldn't discount themselves too quickly. He believes plenty of suitable astronaut candidates lurk within Canada right now.

"The talent that is out there in this country today speaks well to our future. There are hundreds of Canadians out there who can do this job," MacLean said.

Both eventual candidates will serve at least 10 years in the CSA and be trained for the planned 2018 NASA mission to the moon. That trip will also serve as a testing ground for the equipment and technologies expected to make possible a later trip to Mars.

worth a shot

» MacLean, now 53, himself thought he had no chance of becoming an astronaut nearly 25 years ago but fatefully applied anyways.

When looking for potential applicants, MacLean says that while smarts and skills are a good sign of talent (astronaut candidates should be particularly strong in sciences), people who are open-minded and who work well with others have a better chance of being considered. Training will take care of the rest.

"You have to be versatile, you have to work in a team. We need people who are balanced, people who have good communication skills. You can't expect anyone to already have what it takes but the training is so good that if you have an aptitude for it you'll develop into a competent astronaut," MacLean said.

Besides the two chosen astronauts, the CSA is looking to develop a pool of 20 outstanding candidates for future service as well.

MacLean admits that the joy of space flight is likely to be a big draw for applicants and rightly so, since he considers his trips to space probably the greatest experiences of his life. He says weightlessness is a feeling unlike any other.

"Every single muscle relaxes when you're flying in space. You will love it. It will become a part of you and something you will never forget," MacLean said.

MacLean hopes the upcoming missions will signal a newfound focus on space travel.

"I think we're at a turning point in the world. The future will be what we make of it," he said.

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How to dress to fit the part

Keep clothing classic despite summer weather

By **RAFAEL BRUSILOW**
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When it comes to summer workplace attire, classic is always a good bet.

As warmer, sunnier weather rolls in, it's easy to get caught up in the excitement of summer. Just don't let common sense slide when picking threads to put on for your workday.

Summer may be a bold, extravagant time of year for casual clothing but those types of clothing choices don't always translate terribly well to the workplace.

"Trendy isn't always the way to go in a workplace environment," said Donna Rosati, a style expert and marketing director at Promenade Mall for commercial real estate firm Cadillac Fairview.

"When the warm weather hits and you're in that summer mode, sometimes there's a lapse in judgment," Rosati warned.

Many companies have their own dress codes which specify the limits of what can be worn, so make sure you're staying within the lines. Rules don't mean you can't be creative either — think of a dress code as a way to steer your creativity towards choices that are more likely to be constructive.

"You can still be creative and fashionable even with a dress code," Rosati said.

The most common wardrobe mistake Rosati sees regularly is white tops that are too thin and revealing.

"It's a fabulous colour, it's a fashionable colour, but it needs to be used appropriately. Check your white outfit at home to make sure it's not too see-through," she said.

> « *Trendy isn't always the way to go in a workplace environment.* »
>
> *Style expert Donna Rosati*

In terms of colour, just because you can add a little more colour to your summer gear, doesn't mean you should go overboard.

"Keeping it classic is probably the way to go. Don't go to extremes of colour — generally less is more. The rule of thumb is, 'When in doubt, leave it out,'" Rosati said.

If you're heading out for drinks after work, rather than slinking around the boardroom in your knockout look all day, wear layers that you can take off once the workday is done.

Jewelry, like necklaces, rings, bracelets and earrings, can definitely risk being overdone so consider some minimalism when picking trinkets — real elegance is based on simplicity, after all.

And no matter how attractive you are (or think you are), putting your "assets" on deliberate display is unprofessional at best and distastefully inappropriate at worst.

"This may seem like a no-brainer, but anything that is too tight, too short or too revealing has no place in the office," Rosati said.

Choose breathable, high quality materials instead if you feel the need to dress down a bit at work due to the heat.

Most importantly, don't be afraid to ask for advice from someone knowledgeable. Though store staff can sometimes get a bad rap, many are genuinely knowledgeable about styles in the workplace.

"Good store staff is a real resource, and stores that sell office attire generally have seasoned and trained staff. If you're not sure about something, ask the expert for help," Rosati said.

dress for a promotion

» If your wardrobe makes you an ideal contestant for a TV makeover show, you're probably wearing those clothes to work too; and that may not be in your best interest. A new *CareerBuilder.com* survey reports that 41 per cent of employers state that people who dress better or more professionally tend to be promoted more often than others in their organization.

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Career seekers irked by job hunt

Low pay leads to lost motivation, student says

Justin Cheng's days are not structured around a summer job, but around the search for one.

Each day, the 23-year-old master's student devotes a few hours to his architecture portfolio and combs the Net for suitable job postings.

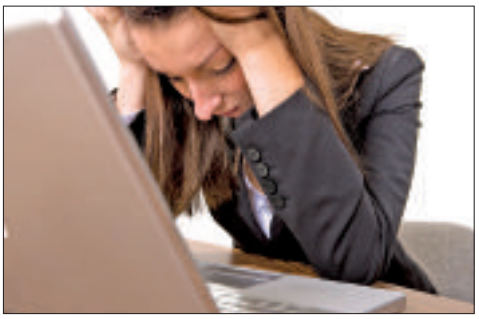
He said he applies to at least one position per day, a steep decline from the daily average of five applications he sent out when his job hunt began nearly two months ago.

Cheng could likely bring in some cash by taking on freelance graphic design projects as he did throughout his undergrad years, but such jobs wouldn't help him to further his long-term career prospects in his field of choice.

"The pressure is to move the career forward, and that's causing my inability to find a job at this moment," the University of Toronto student said in an interview.

Cheng said he's in the same boat as the majority of his classmates, all of whom have had to disregard their prior work experience in different industries and essentially start from scratch.

The plum internships that extend through multiple summers and provide crucial career-boosts are few and far between, and Cheng believes the limited market is oversaturated with qualified candidates.



Sometimes the job hunt can be frustrating and lead many, in an over-saturated market, to lose motivation.

The result, Cheng said, is that employers can offer their limited job opportunities at relatively low salaries secure in the knowledge that eager graduate students would prefer to take home small paycheques rather than languish in the unemployment line.

The bulk of architecture internships pay between $12 and $15 an hour, he said, but friends in other graduate programs have had to consider internships that pay as little as minimum wage.

This, combined with the limited supply of summer work, has taken a toll on him.

"I think every unemployed person has a bit of a battle inside their own head and they eventually lose motivation," he said. "I'm maybe at that stage now."

If Cheng's search for architecture work remains fruitless, he said he'll revisit graphic design clients or even accept tutoring jobs. If he does so, he will be one of many Canadian young adults working jobs they feel to be beneath their skill level.

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over qualification

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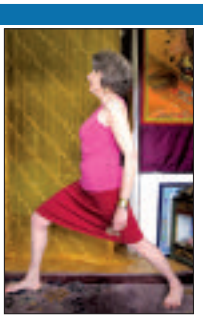

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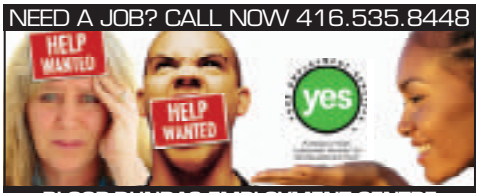

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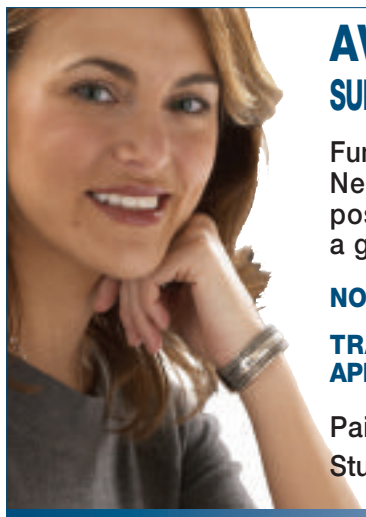

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R.E.M. (front man Michael Stipe, left) hired Toronto ad agency Crush Inc. to create visuals for single Man-Sized Wreath. Snippets were shown at a concert last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

cooking show

Kostick, Eustace reunite in kitchen

Eustace

FOOD Old reruns of What's for Dinner, the cooking show starring Mary Jo Eustace and Ken Kostick that went off the air almost a decade ago, have been so popular among CBC daytime viewers that Eustace decided the time was right for a television reunion.

And so last fall she came up with the concept for He Said, She Said With Ken and Mary Jo — featuring Eustace and Kostick — and pitched it to the W network, who were keen to get on board. The show premieres July 2. THE CANADIAN PRESS

presidential birth

Lewis to compose Lincoln tribute

Lewis

MUSIC Add a musical composition to all the tributes at next year's 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth.

Ramsey Lewis has been commissioned to compose a new work inspired by Lincoln's life. It's being commissioned by the Ravinia Festival, a musical festival north of Chicago. Ravinia has already asked choreographer Bill T. Jones to create a dance theatre work as part of the season-long celebration of Lincoln.

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Reality show surprises

Many changes to Canadian Idol format this year

After becoming the first in the North American Idol franchise to allow hopefuls to play instruments a year ago, Canadian Idol is getting innovative once again, implementing a multitude of changes this season, with more to come.

"There's a rule at Canadian Idol, and the rule is, there are no rules," executive producer John Brunton said in an interview.

"One of the aspects of the format is that the format has got to keep changing. I don't know if they feel that way in the States or anywhere else, but they certainly watch what we do and often copy what we do."

The changes to the hit talent show began even before this sixth season started airing, when producers announced that for the first time, hopefuls would be allowed to submit audition videos online.

Then last week, when viewers tuned in to see who would make it to the standard Top 22 semifinal group of 11 guys and 11 girls, there were two big surprises: the group was expanded to 24 due to the high calibre of talent, and it had an uneven gender split — 15 guys and nine girls.

What's more, producers are breaking from the traditional format of having men perform one night and women on another. Instead, both male and female singers will take to the stage on the same night — 12 on Monday and 12 on Tuesday — on CTV.

Viewers won't know who is performing on what night and, in the results show on Wednesdays, more than two contestants may get the boot.

"There are going to be changes and surprises, my hope is, right until the last gasp," said Brunton, a longtime TV producer and Canadian Music Industry Hall of Fame inductee who has worked on the Juno Awards for 14 years.

Canadian Idol host Ben Mulroney CTV PHOTO

The male dominance on the show is simply a result of more males — particularly older ones (the age limit is 28) — turning up for the country-wide auditions than females this year, said Brunton. As a result, the judges were faced with more male talent than female talent that deserved a shot at the title, he said.

Fans on the Canadian Idol online forum appear divided on the uneven gender split, with some saying it makes sense and others worried it will influence voting in favour of men. The vast majority of Canadian Idol voters are female, said Brunton, but it's anybody's guess how that will affect results.

Canadian Idol has always been a ratings juggernaut, and so far this season it has been among the most-watched programs in Canada, according to BBM Nielsen figures. THE CANADIAN PRESS

French first lady takes extended bow

Carla Bruni-Sarkozy won't perform while husband in office

As France's first lady, singer Carla Bruni-Sarkozy says she is giving up concerts until her husband is out of office, a French newspapers reports.

Bruni-Sarkozy, who has a new album out next month, was quoted in the Liberation newspaper as saying she will continue to promote her music on television.

"But I can't go on stage because I can't allow myself to drag along a security setup that, in my opinion, would be shocking," she was quoted as saying. "I'll give concerts again once my husband is no longer president."

The 40-year-old model-turned-singer married President Nicolas Sarkozy in February.

In the newspaper report, Bruni-Sarkozy said she does not share all her husband's political opinions. Sarkozy is a conservative, but the first lady said that while she is not very politically engaged, her "gut reactions are on the left."

"It's not an ideology or a system. ... I have the impression that people who are completely on one side or the other are thinking with only one half of their brains," she was quoted as saying.

Bruni-Sarkozy's album has made waves before its release, in part because of a track that reportedly has the French-language lyrics, "You are my drug / More deadly than Afghan heroin / More dangerous than white Colombian."

Colombian Foreign Minister Fernando Araujo has described the song as "very painful for Colombia."

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Come on, this one's a no brainer — careful planning will transform your slumber zone into a calming, special sanctuary. Yup, a well crafted boudoir should be a relaxing retreat and an escape from the outside world.

But as we often say, 'To fail to plan is to plan to fail." Many bedrooms, in reality, are crazy obstacle courses of piled-up laundry, mismatched furniture and saggy past-the-sell-by-date mattresses.

The biggest Canadian bedroom problem is multitasking, which is to say, asking too much of too small a space.

So that means no ironing boards, no exercise bikes and definitely no computers stashed in a corner. Remember — it's a bedroom, after all, not a home office or gym.

The main event in any slumber zone is the bed and, because it's the largest feature, it identifies your space. In much the same way as a painted or papered feature wall will provide personality, so too will a well dressed bed provide visual punch.

It's *so* worth taking all this into account when shopping for a new bed — or bed linen — so make sure you have a plan. Remember the aforementioned caution.

One third of your life, after all, is spent tucked in, so invest in a good quality mattress and treat yourself to the best pillows and dressings you can find. Brian Gluckstein's range at the Bay is awesome value, so wander in for inspiration.

Ask yourself this question — what price good slumber? As far as we're concerned, a great night's sleep is a better tonic than a life coach and more rejuvenating than Botox. So get it right!

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» Make sure bedrooms are cozy and restful. Avoid bright colours like vivid orange and zesty yellow as they won't induce sleep.

» Turn your mattress every week to make it last longer and spread wear and tear.

» Don't overfill closets — lose the things you no longer wear. And seasonally adjust as the climate changes. Vacuum-pack winter garb until the mercury descends.

» Position your bed diagonally opposite the entrance door on the largest unbroken wall and make that your feature wall.

» Opt for warm flooring such as wood or carpet, and avoid ceramic tile, marble or granite. There's nothing worse, after all, than getting out of bed and stepping onto a cold floor.

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weekend box office

Following are the estimated top 10 films at the North American box office for June 20-22, according to Media By Numbers LLC. Final figures will be released today.

1. Get Smart —$39.2 million US
2. Kung Fu Panda — $21.7 million
3. The Incredible Hulk — $21.6 million
4. The Love Guru — $14.0 million
5. The Happening — $10.0 million
6. Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull — $ 8.4 million
7. You Don't Mess With The Zohan — $7.2 million
8. Sex And The City — $6.5 million
9. Iron Man — $4.0 million
10. The Strangers — $1.9 million.

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Artist Leif Harmsen, left, has an exhibit at the Fountain Contemporary titled Homodigital: A Censor's Worst Nightmare. For more, call 647-519-0420.

Monday, June 23, 2008

Symbol of equality

Flag raising at City Hall official start of festivities

By **SANDY CAETANO**
Metro Toronto

Pride Week has become one of the country's leading arts and cultural festivals and kicks off with the Rainbow Flag Raising and Proclamation.

The Rainbow Flag Raising, taking place today at Toronto City Hall's Podium (100 Queen St. W.), is the official start of 10 days of world-class arts and cultural programming, community activities, one of the world's largest street festivals, Pride Parade and Dyke March, family programming and much more.

Everyone is welcome to attend the free event and join Mayor David Miller, Deputy Premier George Smitherman, City Councillor Kyle Rae and other local politicians and community leaders.

> *« [The flag raising] symbolizes that we're all together, we all respect each other, we respect our differences and we celebrate them. »*
> Mayor David Miller

"The mayor will make the official proclamation that will recognize Pride Week in the city," says Enza Anderson, Metro columnist and this year's grand marshal at the parade.

"But more importantly, raising the Pride flag is a symbol of a community that has and continues to work to gain simple equality for all, but it's also a symbol of the struggles that LGBT community has faced throughout the years to gain acceptance."

Together with the thousands of individuals, community groups, businesses and participating sponsors, the flag raising and Pride Week Toronto is about celebrating the lives and stories of Toronto's queer communities.

Miller says besides it being a fun event, the flag raising symbolizes equality and acceptance of everyone's differences.

"It's symbolically very important because it's at Toronto City Hall, it symbolizes that we're all together, we all respect each other, we respect our differences and we celebrate them," Miller tells Metro.

"Secondly, it's symbolically important because there was a time that there wasn't the kind of acceptance that there is today and it's very important to show that our public institution supports the human rights of everybody in Toronto."

» For more information about the flag raising or other events happening this week as part of Pride Week, visit *www.pridetoronto.com*.

Mayor David Miller will be at the Rainbow Flag Raising at City Hall today. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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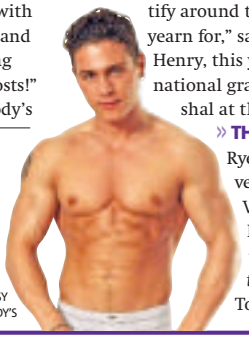
Metro columnist Enza Anderson, left, joins radio host Jane Brown of the CFRB 1010 Toronto At Noon team for daily Pride Week updates. Listen to parade coverage Sunday at 2 p.m. with hosts Lynne Russell and Enza.

If you've survived the first three days of Pride Week, get ready for more. The Second City comes out with its third bi-annual queer comedy gala, **HELLBOUND: COMEDY FOR THE QUEER HIGH HOLIDAY**. The laugh fest features North America's best and brightest queer comics like **Dawn Whitwell**, **Andrew Johnston** and **Mae Martin**. "Every year Hellbound promises eternal damnation," jokes Whitwell.

» **THE DETAILS:** The Second City, 51 Mercer St. *www.secondcity.com*, 416-343-0067. Tonight at 8.

In need of something that's more hard-bodied? Woody's presents the **BEST MENS CHEST CONTEST**. Hosted by Drag Idol winners **Daytona Bitch** and **Donnarama**, this signature bar event is the perfect crowd teaser that has patrons exposing chest for cash, all with audience approval. "The best way to start Pride Week is with hot pecs and crazy drag queen hosts!" says Woody's manager Dean Odorico.

» **THE DETAILS:** Woody's, 465-467 Church St., *www.woodystoronto.com*, 416-972-0887. Tonight at 11.



The Best Mens Chest Contest is at Woody's tonight. PHOTO COURTESY OF WOODY'S

Ladyfest Toronto, the non-profit collective that celebrates artistic talents of women, presents **GENTLEMAN FEST: A LADYFEST TORONTO FUNDRAISER**, at the Gladstone Hotel. This four-day arts, culture and music festival will feature all-male bands playing their hearts out for the girls.

» **THE DETAILS:** Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen St. W., *www.gladstonehotel.com*, 416-531-4635. Tonight at 7.

Religious leaders from various faiths are convening for the **PANEL DISCUSSION: GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND QUEERS**.

"The causes that we fight for are not unique to any one country, they are the same causes, the same rights that gays or queer identify around the world yearn for," says Gareth Henry, this year's international grand marshal at the parade.

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CBC finally gets it right

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: Air India 182, which aired last night on CBC, puts me in the rare position of not only recommending a CBC production that isn't Dragon's Den, but insisting that you make time to catch the film when it re-airs.

CBC viewership figures, much as they might be spun to make it look like the national broadcaster is constantly on the verge of recovering its profile among viewers, suggest nonetheless that anything that airs on the network stands a worse chance of being seen by the average Canadian than a Simpsons re-run.

If a kind of Pavlovian aversion to CBC programming should prevent anyone from seeing Sturla Gunnarsson's dramatized recreation of the 1985 bombing of an Air India jumbo jet en route from Canada to England, it

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would be a shame, since this is exactly the sort of project the CBC should be commissioning, not occasionally but almost monthly, in a better world.

Gunnarsson is the director who made the far better movie version of Beowulf — the one that cost a fraction of Robert Zemeckis' recent heavily hyped travesty, with its embarrassing video game digital sheen. His retelling of the Air India 182 story borrows a few formal touches from Paul Greengrass' United 93, but paces itself more gravely, as if in responding to the passage of time in which the tragedy has resonated.

Time flashes back and forth in the first half of the film, as the events leading up to the bombing come into focus, and then seems to blow apart in slow motion in the aftermath of the disappearance of the plane over the North Atlantic.

We're allowed to understand how hard it would have been to prevent the bombing with what information the RCMP had up till this point — in situations like this, hindsight is inevitably all too clear — while the underfunding and bureaucratic blunders of the country's intelligence services make their appearance on cue; a muddleheaded CSIS policy of erasing wiretaps after having them transcribed would lead to two key suspects in the plot by Sikh extremists being acquitted.

Even while it was happening, the events surrounding Air India 182 often seemed confusing, and there was an unfortunate tendency to treat it as an internal dispute within the Indian and Sikh communities — typifed by then-Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's puzzling apology to the Indian government, but not the families of Canadians who actually died in the bombing. Gunnarson somehow manages to make it all clear, without swamping the film in details and lessening the still-raw emotional trauma that marks those left behind.

Air India 182 re-airs next Sunday at 10 p.m. on CBC Newsworld, and deserves a few more airings and a decent life on DVD, if only to give the network a prominent model for how to fulfill its mandate.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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critics' corner

Degrassi: The Next Generation
Jefferson Starship? Nope. Wrong generation. In the season finale, "We Built This City," Liberty and Damian (Sarah Barrable-Tishauer, Mazin Elsadig) can't fight their attraction any longer and finally lock lips at the prom. When Emma and Toby (Miriam McDonald, Jake Goldsbie) find out, all heck breaks loose. Singer Natasha Bedingfield guest stars. 7:30 PM on CTV

Tennis
The coronation of Roger Federer as perhaps the greatest men's tennis player ever took another step last year at Wimbledon when he won his fifth straight title, equaling Bjorn Borg's consecutive-win record. Beginning today in England, the Swiss star goes for No. 6, and as in the 2007 final, he'll probably have to beat rival Rafael Nadal to get it. On the women's side, it's wide open, similar to last year when 23rd-seeded Venus Williams rose to the top. 7 AM on TSN

Celebrity Buzz

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Amy dead in three months?

Father's concern: Amy Winehouse's father Mitch says the Grammy-winning singer is suffering from emphysema and he fears she could be "dead in three months," *usmagazine.com* reports.

"The doctors have told her if she goes back to smoking drugs it won't just ruin her voice, it will kill her," he told UK newspaper the Daily Mail.

Winehouse, 24, was taken to the hospital last week for tests after she fainted at home in London.

"With smoking the crack cocaine and the cigarettes her lungs are all gunked up," Mitch said. "There are nodules around the chest and dark marks. She's got 70 per cent lung capacity."

If she doesn't get treatment, she could need an oxygen mask to breathe, Mitch told the Daily Mail.

"The doctors have said that if she had continued the way she was going she could have ended up an invalid — she wouldn't have been able to breathe," he added. "If drugs mean more to her than breathing properly, then so be it."

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Woody sued for alleged photog smackdown

LAWSUIT Photographer Josh Levine sued Woody Harrelson for $2.5 million Friday, claiming Harrelson injured him both physically and emotionally when he roughed him up two years ago outside a Hollywood club, E! News Online reports, per the Los Angeles Times. The video Levine shot at the time shows the star breaking Levine's camera, choking him and shoving the camera into his ribs, the complaint alleges.

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Booze bucked me up, Keira admits

CONFIDENCE Keira Knightley downed shots of vodka to calm her nerves while shooting her new film, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The 23-year-old actress admitted she was terrified before filming singing scenes in The Edge of Love, but says the alcohol really helped. "I was shaking like a leaf, I thought my knees were going to buckle," she says. "It was so embarrassing. I could see all these faces thinking, 'Oh my God, isn't she terrible?' But then I had a couple of shots of vodka and it was much better."

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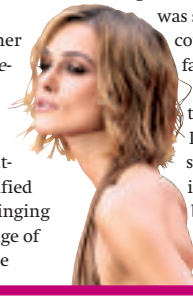

rift rumour

TWINS Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen are not as inseparable as they used to be, *pagesix.com* reports, now holding all their interviews and meetings separately. "Something happened between them, and they haven't worked it out. It's been going on for a while," a source said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Revenge best served as a song

DUMPED Former Spice Girl Melanie Brown is getting her revenge on ex-partner Eddie Murphy — by penning a song about him for her upcoming album, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The singer was dumped by the actor on TV while she was pregnant with his child last year. But Brown has been hitting the studio to get her own back. She tells Britain's New! magazine, "The working title is Beverly Hills C**k, because that's what he is.

"He never bothers with his daughter. I mean, what kind of man is that?"

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Celebrity **brief**

POLL Red Hot Chili Peppers front man Anthony Kiedis and British pop star Leona Lewis have been voted the world's Sexiest Vegetarians, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

Tens of thousands of animal lovers voted the pair into the top spots as part of an annual search for veggie vamps and vixens on website *Peta.org*.

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Naomi alleges racial slur

ALTERCATION You probably know that Naomi Campbell pled guilty Friday to assaulting police officers after a mid-air disturbance on British Airways and was sentenced to 200 hours of community service for the air-rage ruckus, fined $4,600 and ordered to pay $400 to each of the police officers she attacked and $300 to the captain of the flight.

But here's some backstory from Britain's Sky News (via gossip guy Perez). Yes, Naomi admits she was wrong, but she has more to say about why she went off, E! News Online reports:

"I was called a racial name on that flight. And that was part of my reaction. Again, nothing to do with the police but yes from British Airways. I was called a golliwog supermodel, I don't think that's really fair, do you? Would you like it if someone turned round and called you a golliwog supermodel?

"I mean, I'm proud to be a black woman, I'm proud to be British, I'm proud of the job that I do, but I did not call anyone names of colour, of their race. And, you know, I've had to leave all of that out of court ... because at the end of the day the real problem was, I took my upset and ... the end of my wrath came out on the police, which was wrong."

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Brinkley fights for public divorce

COURTS Former model Christie Brinkley has reportedly asked a New York court to make her divorce from Peter Cook public — to expose his behaviour during their marriage, *imdb.com* reports.

Sources tell Access Hollywood that Brinkley is still upset with Cook two years after she initially filed for divorce over his alleged affair with a then-18-year-old assistant.

Among the details of the divorce is the allegation Cook trawled the internet for women and porn, Access Hollywood claims.

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Hathaway split amicable: Ex

BREAK-UP Actress Anne Hathaway's businessman ex-boyfriend Raffaello Follieri has hit out at reports their split was caused by his controversial business dealings, *imdb.com* reports. Hathaway reportedly dumped her longterm lover, fearing his headline-grabbing antics could sabotage her burgeoning career.

But his spokesperson insists the Italian businessman is "angered" by "repeated mischaracterisations" of his breakup with Hathaway — because the split was amicable.

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Thornton slams quotes on Jolie

INTERVIEW Billy Bob Thornton has denied reports he dismissed Angelina Jolie's relationship with Brad Pitt as a "high school phase," *imdb.com* reports.

The actor was quoted in an interview with *AskMen.com*, saying, "(She's) dating the quarterback of the football team with Brad Pitt over there. She'll be waking up from that dream in no time." But Thornton, who was married to the actress for three years, insists the quotes were completely fabricated. And the interview has since been removed from the website. METRO NEWS SERVICES

courts

LAWSUIT Actor Rob Lowe has scored a minor victory in his battle with a former nanny — two of her 12 allegations have been dismissed by a court, *imdb.com* reports.

Accusations of labour code violations were thrown out by Santa Barbara, Calif., Superior Court Judge Denise de Bellefeuille on Thursday — but 10 further charges, including sexual harassment claims, remain. METRO NEWS SERVICES

no dual nuptials

MARRIAGE Paris Hilton has laughed off rumours she will wed boyfriend Benji Madden in a joint ceremony with her best friend Nicole Richie and his twin brother Joel, *imdb.com* reports.

Speaking to Los Angeles DJ Ryan Seacrest, she says, "I've been hearing that rumour. But no, I think we both would want to have separate weddings."

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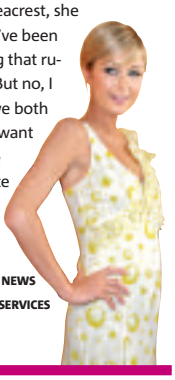
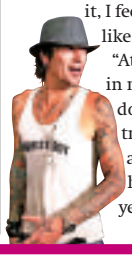


Going veg for love

EXES Rocker Tommy Lee has 'gone veggie' in a bid to build a new romance with his ex-wife Pamela Anderson, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. He says, "I just went vegetarian (and) I dig it, I feel lighter, I like it.



"At this point in my life, I'm down to trying anything I haven't done yet." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Drink, do drugs in NYC: Baldwin

WISE WORDS Actor Alec Baldwin has urged visitors to New York to ditch the city's famous horse-drawn carriages — and get drunk and take drugs instead, *imdb.com* reports.

The native New Yorker claims the vices are as valid a "tradition" as the carriages, which he claims are cruel to the horses forced to pull tourists around Manhattan. Baldwin said of the traditions he took part in during his youth: "I walked through Union Square on my way to acting class and got offered loose joints. Drug dealing was a great tradition in this city.

"When I was younger, I used to get a bottle of wine and get drunk under the Staten Island Ferry..."

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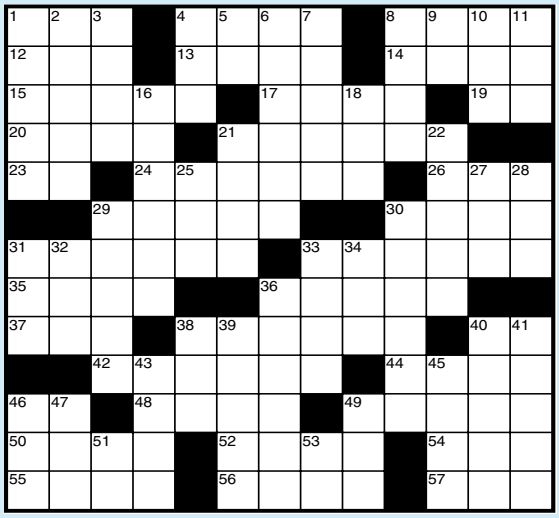

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49 In the least (2 wds.)
50 Reassure
52 Write on metal
54 Affinity
55 Double dates
56 Road map info
57 Visualize

previous answer

U	T	E	■	H	U	G	E	■	S	L	I	T
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M	A	N	S	■	L	I	E	D	■	O	R	B

HOROSCOPE

ARIES | March 21-April 20
You'll have privileges in your community. A broken band needs replacement or repair. A desired reunion is becoming a certainty.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
It'll work out well when someone makes a move. The image of success will become understandable. Being obnoxious will defeat you.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Money becomes an issue with a friend. You'll surprise yourself with your regrets. Strange information may cause insecurity to arise.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
A twist of fate can lead to a blazing debate. A mentor's idea flashes with insights. Relaxing moments can be enjoyed, later.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
Be kind-hearted enough to step in to mediate. A deceitful person will be caught. A friend's relationship is at a high point.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Take back a derogatory comment. Avoid being careless around equipment. Flattery will get you somewhere in a hurry.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Doubt will arise because of someone's bad behaviour. Try not to be smug. Go shopping with someone who makes you laugh.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
The reason things won't work out is obvious. Pride will get in the way of success. Rumours about a love affair have upset people.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Making fun of someone will be a bad idea. Don't work too hard trying to lighten things up. Don't avoid answering questions.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
The way you get around will be reviewed. Be resigned to waiting for a disgraceful person. A profit is made from a durable venture.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Your energy level will increase. Restrain your temper and your goals will be fulfilled. Don't waste any time worrying about problems.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Your capacity to astound others will be noted. Commit yourself to a positive course of action. A friend needs help finding work. AVATAR VENUS

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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

8	7	6	1	9	3	5	2	4
1	3	5	7	4	2	8	9	6
4	2	9	6	8	5	7	1	3
5	8	3	4	1	6	2	7	9
9	1	4	3	2	7	6	5	8
2	6	7	8	5	9	4	3	1
3	5	2	9	6	4	1	8	7
6	9	8	2	7	1	3	4	5
7	4	1	5	3	8	9	6	2

This Day IN HISTORY

June 23, 1985: A terrorist bomb aboard Air India flight 182 brings the Boeing 747 down off the coast of Ireland killing all 329 people aboard, including 280 Canadians.

June 23, 1940: German leader Adolf Hitler surveys newly defeated Paris in now occupied France.

June 23, 1887: The Rocky Mountains Park Act becomes law in Canada, creating that nation's first national park, Banff National Park.

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Afternoon	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
60%				60%
Thunderstorms. 21°	Partly cloudy. 11°	Partly cloudy. 23°/12°	Variable. 25°/17°	Thundershowers. 26°/15°

Temperature
Normals
High: 25.2°
Low: 12.9°

Records
High: 32.8°/1983
Low: 4.6°/1992

Sunrise: 5:37 a.m.
Sunset: 9:04 p.m.
Moon does not rise
Moonset: 10:19 a.m.

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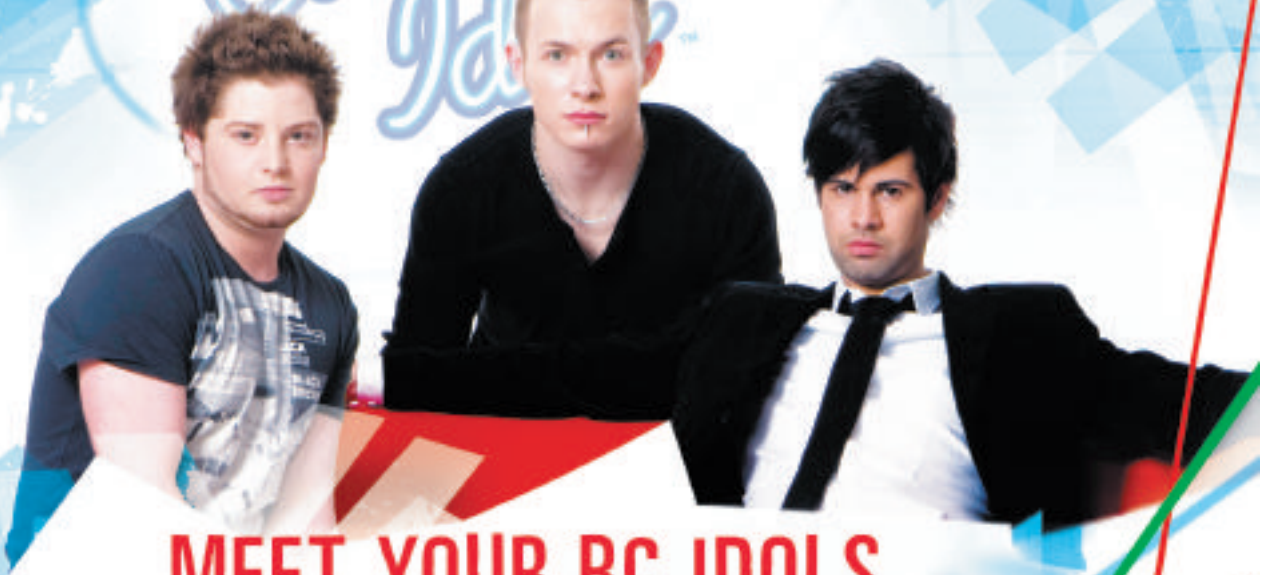

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